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SUBJECT: HAVANA NON-ALIGNED MEETING: INDONESIAN DIPLOMAT'S
VIEWS

1. AN INDONESIAN DELEGATE TO THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED HAVANA
NAM MEETING (SURYOKUSUMO) PAINTED THE PICTURE TO MISOFF
MAY 26 OF A SUBSTANTIAL DEFEAT FOR NAM "MODERATES" AT
HAVANA, PRINCIPALLY ENGINEERED BY CLEVER, BEHIND-THE-
SCENES CUBAN MANIPULATION. THE CUBAN HAND, SURYOKUSUMO
SAID, HAD BEEN PRESENT EVERYWHERE, OPERATING THROUGH AN
EXTREMELY WELL-ORCHESTRATED SYSTEM OF PROXIES. USING THE
POWERS OF THE CHAIR, THE CUBANS HAD BEEN ABLE TO MANIPU
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LATE THE STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE, MOST NOTABLY BY
FORCING THROUGH THE CHOICE OF ANGOLA (OVER ZAMBIA) AS
CHAIRMAN OF THE ALL-IMPORTANT POLITICAL COMMITTEE. THE
CUBANS HAD ALSO BEEN ABLE TO STACK THE COMPOSITION OF THE
POLITICAL COMMITTEE'S DRAFTING GROUP (OF THE GROUP'S
TWELVE MEMBERS -- IRAQ, GUYANA, VIETNAM, SRI LANKA, CUBA,
ANGOLA, ALGERIA, INDIA, YUGOSLAVIA, PERU, ZAMBIA AND

NIGERIA -- ONLY SRI LANKA, INDIA, YUGOSLAVIA AND PERU, HE SAID, HAD BEEN CONSISTENT VOICES FOR MODERATION). WHILE IT WAS TRUE, SURYOKUSUMO SAID, THAT THE ORIGINAL CUBAN DRAFT COMMUNIQUE HAD BEEN RELATIVELY MODERATE, AT LEAST IN SUBSTANCE, THIS HAD BEEN ONLY AN OPENING PLOY. A WELL-ORGANIZED EFFORT BY OTHER "RADICALS" HAD SUCCEEDED IN TOUGHENING MANY OF THE KEY SECTIONS, AN EFFORT TO WHICH THE CUBANS, BY PRE-ARRANGEMENT, HAD READILY ACQUIESCED.

2. ON THE MIDDLE EAST, SURYOKUSUMO SAID THAT THE COMMUNIQUE'S CONDEMNATION OF THE US BY NAME HAD BEEN FINALLY ACCEPTED BY DELEGATES AS THE ALTERNATIVE TO THE MORE DIVISIVE STEP OF CONDEMNING EGYPT BY NAME.

3. OVERALL, SURYOKUSUMO SAID THAT THE "RADICALS" HAD SCORED POINTS THROUGH SUPERIOR ORGANIZATION -- ANY BY SHOUTING THE LOUDEST. INDONESIA, AND, HE BELIEVED, OTHER NAM "MODERATES" WERE FRANKLY WORRIED BY THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECENT HAVANA MEETING FOR THE HAVANA SUMMIT IN 1979.

4. COMMENT: SURYOKUSUMO OFFERED A SUBSTANTIALLY MORE PESSIMISTIC PICTURE OF THE HAVANA MEETING THAN HIS INDIAN COLLEAGUE SIKRI (SEPTTEL). A CAREFUL OBSERVER, HIS DESCRIPTION OF CUBAN TACTICS IS PROBABLY ACCURATE. FROM OUR OTHER SOUNDINGS TO DATE, HOWEVER, MISSION BELIEVES CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT OTHER NAM "MODERATES" FULLY SHARE NEITHER SURYOKUSUMO'S SENSE OF ALARM NOR HIS ASSESSMENT OF A CLEAR-CUT "MODERATE" DEFEAT. YOUNG

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